



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Reject All Bids, Approve Revised Specifications and Authorize Re-Advertisement for Bids for One-Ton Dump Truck, Street Division

MEETING DATE: September 16, 1992

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council reject all bids, approve the revised specifications for a one-ton dump truck, and authorize re-advertising for bids to be received Tuesday, October 6, 1992.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Funds to purchase a one-ton dump truck for the street division maintenance crews were approved in the 1992-93 Operations/Maintenance budget. This vehicle will replace truck #54, a 1980 Chevrolet pickup with 129,000 miles on the odometer.

The unit will be used by the crews to haul street material and tow equipment on a daily basis.

Bids were opened on September 2, 1992 and three bids were received. All bids listed exceptions to the specifications as written. Our intent was to match this one-ton dump truck with other existing vehicles in the fleet in both the Water/Wastewater Division and Electric Utility Department, but the only vehicle that does so is the high bidder, at a cost of almost \$3000 more.

Because the preferred equipment was a Dodge product, bids were mailed to Dodge dealers only. Two other (non-Dodge) firms called and requested bid specifications. Bids were received from both. Local (non-Dodge) dealers, however, were not mailed specifications and did not bid.

The Dodge dealers that did not bid were contacted to discover reasons for their failure to submit bids. Portions of the specifications were cited as too restrictive.

Due to the cost of the preferred equipment (Dodge) being higher than we anticipated and substantially over the amount budgeted we should consider a revised specification that accommodates other manufacturers with **less** exceptions. Additionally, portions of the specifications

APPROVED: _____

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that prevented some dealers from bidding have been modified,
eliminated, or listed as alternatives.

If the Council wishes the local Ford, GMC, and Chevrolet dealers to be
included on the bidder's list, then Council should reject all bids,
approve revised specifications, and authorize re-advertising for bids.

Following are the bids received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Bid</u>
F.B. Hart Allstate White GMC	Stockton	\$25,779.19
S & C Motors	San Francisco	\$26,506.50
Swift Dodge	Sacramento	\$28,744.47

FUNDING:	Originally Budgeted:	1992-93
	Budgeted Fund:	12.0-012.17
	Budgeted Amount:	\$24,390
	Equipment Estimate:	\$24,030
	Revised Bid Opening Date:	10/6/92


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